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Here in HONDO

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Do
It early
Your Christmas
Shopping—and don't
Forget to buy from our adver-
sers.

Ernest D. Boehle was an appreci-
ated caller at this office Thursday.

R. W. Richter and son, Guido,
were callers at this office Saturday.

FOR SALE—4 cows, 2 horses, R.
K. BLOUNT, Castroville, Texas. 1tpd.

BULOVA WATCHES—Perfect

GIFT—at WINDROW DRUG

STORE.

SEE WILL HUEGELE FOR

HAY; TWO MILES SOUTH OF

HONDO.

tfc.

FOR SALE—Seed oats free of

Johnson grass. REUS BROS., Hon-
do, Texas.

6tpd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black of Se-
guin, former Hondo residents, visited

friends here Thursday.

When you buy the family a Philco

radio for Christmas you will give

gift that they will enjoy. 2tc

FOR SALE—40 head sheep, 26

9 muttons. See E. E. KOLL-

MAN, Phone 18 or 957F21. 3tc.

FOR SALE—Mesquite wood at

\$1.25 per cord on place. OSCAR

NESTER, D'Hanis, Texas. 4tpd.

Mrs. Wm. Albrecht of San An-
tonio is here visiting her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mechler.

FOR SALE—One Oliver Triple-

Disc Plow, in good condition.

Apply to ARTHUR NESTER,

D'Hanis. 4tpd.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MAPPED

County Judge A. H. Rothe is in re-
ceipt of a letter from Julian Mont-
gomery, state highway engineer, stating that the Highway Commission
has approved the project of 4.1 miles
grading, drainage structures and sur-
facing on U. S. Highway 81, in Frio
and Medina counties from Black
Creek to 0.5 mile south of Devine, for inclusion in the 1941 Regular
Federal Aid Program. Mr. Mont-
gomery also said that it will be nec-
essary that the project be approved by
U. S. Public Roads Administra-
tion prior to actual authority for
construction. Funds for the con-
struction will become available to the
State Highway Department on July
1, 1940.

A press release from Austin also
shows that among the highway com-
mission's approved list of projects,

is the grading, surfacing and con-
struction of bridges on a 10.5 mile

stretch of Highway 90, from a point

6.3 miles west of San Antonio in

Bexar County to near the Medina

County line. Construction will prob-
ably get under way after next July
1st.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 17: Sunday school
and Bible class at 9:15 and English

services at 10:30. The congregation

will be favored in this service with a

special Christmas number rendered

by a group of six singers from the

Hondo High School under the direc-
tion of Mrs. Sadler.

On Sunday evening, beginning at
7:30 o'clock, a Christmas program

in song and pageantry will be ren-
dered by the church choir and Luther

League. A most cordial invitation is

extended to all.

Speech practice for the children's

Christmas program Saturday after-
noon at 2:00.

PAUL CZEKUS,
Pastor.

MEDINA COUNTY OIL NEWS

York Petroleum Company's No. 1
Kate Schmidt, near Noonan in Medi-
na County, at 345 feet is drilling
ahead after logging a good showing
of oil. Test is projected to the Na-
varro sand around 600 feet and if
the lower formation shows oil also
liner may be set to test both the
showings.

Elstone Oil Company's No. 1 Wil-
liam Mann, another wildcat in the
county which drilled to 1,682 feet, is
having considerable trouble to pull
casing. Operators plan to pull cas-
ing and test an upper horizon.—San

Antonio Express.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS

The pupils of St. John's School
will present their annual Christmas
program next Wednesday evening,
December 20. It will consist of a
playlet, "The Boy They Turned
Away", and a number of interesting
selections by the Rhythm Band.

The Ladies of the Parish will spon-
sor, with their usual generosity and
good will, the Christmas tree for the
children.

The public is invited.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Morning worship at 10:00.

Vesper service at 5:00.

Sunday evening at 5 o'clock we
have our annual Vesper service of
Christmas Carols. The theme this
year is "A Service of Lights and
Christmas Carols". Members of

other churches are cordially invited.
W. S. HIGHSMITH,
Pastor.

Fire of unknown origin damaged
the Ney residence occupied by Mr.
and Mrs. Amos Harlee last Friday
night. Their furniture, which was
covered by insurance, was badly wa-
tered and all the bedding and
clothing belonging to the Harlees
were completely burned. The fire
was believed to have started in the
upper part of a clothes closet. The
flames were soon extinguished by
the Fire Company, and the damage
is partially covered by insurance.

Miss Betty Jean Merriman return-
ed to Southwestern University at
Georgetown last week-end after
spending several weeks here recuper-
ating from an appendectomy. She
was accompanied by her mother
Mrs. Henry Merriman, and Saturday
night attended a sorority party at
the Driskill Hotel in Austin. Mrs.
Merriman return Sunday.

Ted Dawson, recently elected co-
captain of the University of Texas
Longhorns, and his sisters, Misses
Juanita and Wanda Dawson of San
Antonio, and several friends were
here for the Hondo-Victoria game
Friday night and were guests of their
mother, Mrs. Nora Dawson.

Mr. Homer Hansen, manager of
the United Gas Corp. here, was in
New Braunfels Tuesday on business
for the company. He was accom-
panied by Mrs. Hansen and little son
who visited relatives there.

Judge and Mrs. Ed de Montel had
as their guests over the week-end
of their sons, Elmer C. de Montel of
Wichita Falls, and Emmett de Montel
and his two daughters, Marjo and
Jean, of Tyler, Texas.

Mr. W. M. Muinch of Coney Is-
land, New York, arrived Tuesday for
a holiday visit with his uncle, Mr.
Wm. O'Donnell, and Mrs. O'Donnell.
He plans to return to New York City
after New Year's.

HONDO, MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 15, 1939.

NO TOWN EVER GREW
on Trade That Went
Elsewhere.

Are you a town builder?

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HONDO LOSES BI-DISTRICT TITLE TO VICTORIA

The Victoria Stingerees, football
champions of District 38-A, and the
Hondo Owls, District 37-A champs,
met in bi-district contest on Barry
Field here Friday night, before
stands packed and overflowing with
enthusiastic fans. Victoria won the
championship tilt by a score of 7 to
6. The Stingerees scored in the first
period of the game on a touchdown
made by Brimage, and Carsner kick-
ed the extra point. Hondo scored in
the third period, Harry Kollman mak-
ing the touchdown, but Clinton Hart-
ing's try for extra point, which
would have tied the game, was not
good, making the score 7-6. Hondo
made 14 first downs to 11 for Vic-
toria.

The teams were about equal in
weight, and were in great shape for
the game. Both teams featured the
double-wingback, the game was clean
fought with few penalties, for off-
sides, and the several thousand fans
were given thrills and a real treat.

The show put on between halves
featured Victoria's 100-piece school
band and pep squad, as well as Hon-
do's drum corps and pep squad of
fifty members, ably assisted by the
Sabinal High School band.

Fans present represented towns
in both district 37 and 38. The
Victoria boosters arrived at the local
station at 7 o'clock Friday night on
a chartered train of ten coaches and
many more made the trip by car.
Highway patrolmen were on hand to
take care of the crowds from the sta-
tion to the field, the Hondo, Sabinal
and Victoria pep squads and bands
leading the way.

Following the game, the Hondo
pep squad girls entertained the
squad members of both teams with a
dance in the sales room of the Mil-
ler garage. The Stingerees, who had
been quartered at the Hondo Hotel
since Wednesday, left for Victoria
Friday night and Saturday morning.

The Hondo Owls, although on the
losing end of the bi-district score,
retain their honors as District cham-
pions of 37-A, and as thus will be

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS!

Notice is hereby given that I will
be at the following named places on
dates given below for the purpose of
collecting 1939 taxes, and assessing
for the year 1940.

Medina Lake, January 2, 9 A. M.

to 11 A. M.

Cliff, January 2, 1 P. M. to 3 P. M.

Rio Medina, January 3, 9 A. M. to

4 P. M.

LaCoste, January 4, 8 A. M. to 4

P. M.

LaCoste, January 5, 8 A. M. to 12

M.

Dunlay, January 5, 2 P. M. to 4 P.

M.

Castroville, January 8th, 9th and

10th, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Birby, January 11, 9 A. M. to 11 A.

M.

Coal Mine, January 11, 1 P. M. to

3 P. M.

Natalia, January 12, 9 A. M. to 4

P. M.

Devine, January 15th, 16th and

17th, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

D'Hanis, January 18, 8 A. M. to

5 P. M.

Respectfully,

L. E. HEATH,
Assessor and Collector of
Texas, Medina County.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to

the members of the Hondo Volunteer

Fire Department for their prompt

response in saving our residence

from destruction by fire, and also

our neighbors and friends for their

kind assistance.

Yours in appreciation,

MR. AND MRS. AMOS HARLLEE.

FOR SALE

Five Gilt, Berkshire and small

bone Poland China crossed. Will

weigh about 180 lbs. 2tpd.

C. F. HAASS,
Hondo, Texas.

DEAR SANTA:

I HAVE BEEN A GOOD BOY.

THING FOR CHRISTMAS. AFTER

ALL, I HAVE ABOUT EVERYTHING I

COULD WISH FOR. I HAVE COMFORTS OF

LIFE UNKNOWN IN OTHER LANDS. I

HAVE LIBERTIES THAT ARE MINE AS AN

AMERICAN. THIS IS ONE CHRISTMAS, SANTA,

WHEN I AM NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING —

—EXCEPT FOR THE CHANCE TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY

OF OURS AS GOOD AS IT IS, AND TO MAKE IT EVEN

BETTER. WE CAN DO THIS IF WE STICK TO THE

AMERICAN WAY OF DOING

THINGS. THAT'S ALL ANY REAL

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

The Uvalde Leader-News.

Congressman and Mrs. Milton West and Mrs. Y. E. Worley of Worley of Panama, Canal Zone, were Brownsville, and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. at the Pingot ranch near Cline last week on a deer hunt.

Fritz Weber, veteran ranchman of the Utopia section, reports that his part of the county is in "tip top shape". Plenty of rain has fallen there the past three months; we have a good season in the ground and everything is all right, he said here Tuesday. In many instances, farmers are finding that the ground is too wet to plow.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith and children of Eagle Pass spent the holidays of last week with their mothers, Mesdames A. P. Smith and Annie Rives. On Thursday they with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gowens of Uvalde and Mrs. Smith were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Oefinger at Quihi.

Sunday visitors at the Richarz home were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis and little daughter of Rio Frio and Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Chapman of Hondo.—Trio Items.

UVALDE ZONE MEETING

The Society for Christian Service of the Methodist Church was hostess to the Uvalde zone here at the church Wednesday, Dec. 6th. The Uvalde auxiliary had charge of the program which was presented in the morning with Mrs. Hines, president, as leader. The following program was given:

The subject, "The Challenge of the Woman's Missionary Society" was presented by Mrs. Hines. This was followed by "The Challenge of World Service" by Mrs. John A. Horger of Hondo. Mrs. Wheeler of New Fountain gave "The Challenge of Spiritual Growth". A most interesting discussion on "The Challenge of Education" was made by Mrs. Faseler of Yancey. The program was concluded with Mrs. Guy Alexander giving "The Challenge of Missionary Societies to Local Churches".

At noon a turkey dinner was served cafeteria style. In the afternoon the Zone Leader, Mrs. Jacob Schaevers of New Fountain took charge of the meeting and called for reports from the different auxiliaries attending. The Zone voted to make the two youngest babies in the zone life members of the organization. Mrs. Louis Faseler of Yancey was elected as Zone Leader for the coming two years.

About 30 members were in attendance from the Uvalde auxiliary and those from out of town who were present included: New Fountain Auxiliary—Mesdames C. F. Schaevers, Fritz Stiegler, Robert Riff, J. E. Muenink, Hy. C. Muenink, W. B. Wheeler, Frank Muenink and Rev. W. B. Wheeler; Knippa—Mesdames Guy Alexander, James Maddux, and J. P. Kincaid; Yancey—Mesdames Louis Faseler, E. T. Wiemers, John G. Faseler and Misses Dorothy and Frances Jeanne Faseler; Sabinal—Mesdames H. A. Kirk, John Hons, C. B. Nutt, and Rev. H. A. Kirk; and Hondo—Mesdames W. S. Highsmith, John A. Horger, Barnet Carle A. H. Schaevers and B. C. Rogers. Rev. and Mrs. J. Troy Hickman were also guests for the occasion.

The Leakey Leader.

Among court persons in town this week were District Judge K. K. Woodley of Sabinal, District Attorney R. J. Noonan of Hondo, O. Dickens, our lawyer friend from Sabinal, Ditzler Jones, Uvalde lawyer, and Claude Gilmer, lawyer-representative from Rocksprings. We enjoy meeting all of our court visitors.

Atascosa County Monitor.

Mrs. Frank Steinle and baby son returned home Thanksgiving from a three weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith at Eagle Pass.

Leon Steinle of Austin and Glenn Steinle of San Antonio visited with homefolks over the holiday weekend.

The Kyle News.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barton and children spent the week-end in Hondo as guests of Mrs. Barton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fly.—Buda Notes.

DEATH OF SUMMER.

WEAVE a garland for her head, Not of roses, they are gone; Gather crimson leaves instead— Weave a garland for her head.

Little streams cry "She is dead!" Hills are sad she walked upon. Weave a garland for her head— Not of roses, they are gone.

—GERTIE STEWART PHILLIPS, in September Kaleidograph.

POSTED

All of my property is posted according to law. Hunting strictly forbidden; no dogs allowed. Permits for day hunting sold on application at my place.

7tpd.

HOWARD G. HAY.

POSTED

My ranch formerly known as Harry Eckhart ranch. No hunting or trespassing of any kind.

8tpd.

HOWARD G. HAY.

POSTED

All land owned and controlled by us are posted according to law.

C. A. OEFINGER ET AL.

POSTED

If you are looking for desirable residence lots or acreage property let us show you the Barkuloo Addition. Hondo Land Co.

tf.

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Nell L. Foley

County Home Demonstration Agent With Christmas just a stone's throw away, it's time housewives got busy on "goodies" for the family oil cells. Cut this peel into strips that are 1-4 to 1-2 inch in width. Place in a saucepan of water and for each peel add 3 pints of cold water. Boil 10 minutes and pour off the water. Repeat three times or until the bitter flavor is removed.

Dry the fruit between folds of cloth, pressing gently. For each pound of prepared peel add 1 1-2 pounds of sugar to 6 ounces of water. Bring to a boil and cook until sugar is dissolved. Add the peel and boil until transparent. At this point take a piece and roll in granulated sugar. If after a few minutes the fruit stiffens enough to retain its shape it is sufficiently cooked. If cooking is continued for too long a period of time and evaporation carried too far, the product will be hard and unattractive.

Vegetable coloring may be added to the syrup in which the peel is crystallized. Mint, ginger or other flavoring may be blended with the peel by adding to the syrup.

Now for that fruit cake you have been looking for. You can bake it for Christmas or can it for gifts or for your own pantry shelves. It will keep indefinitely.

Dark Fruit Cake

1 pound flour (4 cups)
1 pound brown sugar
1 pound butter
3 pounds dried currants cut into thin one-inch pieces
3 pounds seeded raisins
3 pounds dates seeded and cut
1 pound almonds blanched
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons cloves
2 pounds candied apricots cut
2 pounds candied citron or citrus peel
1 pound pecans or other nuts
12 eggs (do not separate)
2 pounds candied cherries or candied red watermelon rind
2 pounds candied pineapple cut
2 nutmegs grated
1 cup grape juice or cider

Clean dried fruits as raisins and currants by adding two tablespoons flour to each pound fruit and rubbing vigorously. Place in fruit sieve and shake out cleaning flour. Cut candied fruit as desired. Nut meats can be left whole or shredded. Combine fruits, nuts, and one-half of the flour.

Cream the butter and sugar. Beat eggs. Add 1-2 cup of flour to creamed butter and sugar, then add beaten eggs, and another 1-2 cup of flour. Sieve together baking powder with rest of flour and spices. Combine fruit, nuts and other ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Pack well into baking pans which have been lined with butter paper which has been oiled. Cover top of pans with heavy brown wrapping paper which has been oiled. Tie the paper securely around the edge of pans to prevent water from getting into the cake. Place the pans in the cooker and pour boiling water into the cooker half way up the pans.

Place the top on the cooker, but do not fasten the clamps, and leave petcock open. Keep at the boiling point 55 minutes. After that, clamp the lid down securely on the cooker. Close the petcock and raise the pressure to 15 pounds for 15 minutes. This insures cooking the cake to the center of the pan. Open petcock very gradually. Remove from cooker, take off paper covers, and place pans in a slow oven for 15 minutes in order to dry out crust. This recipe makes 11 pounds.

If you want to can your fruit cake, forget about baking it and try the following method:

To can: Grease 18 No. 2 or 9 No. 3 cans. Fill with fruit cake 3-4 inch from top. Seal the first roll and steam for one hour and 15 minutes. Place filled containers on rack in boiler and add not over 3 inches of water. Place the lid on the boiler to hold in the steam. Complete seal on cans and process immediately at 10 pounds pressure for 30 minutes.

Top of cake can be decorated just before sealing cans.

FOR SALE

A 640-acre farm, 6 miles north of D'Hanis, on D'Hanis-Utopia road. 150 acres in cultivation. Rich black land. Two wells and creek water. Good grazing land. Large six-room house. Barns and outbuildings. Near two-teacher school. No indebtedness. \$25.00 per acre. See or write Wallace Lutz, Hondo, Texas. 4tpd.

POSTED

The H. W. Schaevers and the two Alfred Saathoff pastures are leased and posted, and all hunting therein is forbidden.

ARTHUR SCHULTE.

POSTED

My pastures are posted and hunting allowed without permit. 7tpd.

HENRY DECKER.

POSTED

My pastures are posted against all hunters and hunting.

8tpd.

F. A. MARTIN.

POSTED

All hunting with guns, dogs, or traps is strictly forbidden. 2tpd.

J. HENRY RIFF.

POSTED

Subscribe for this PAPER!

PESTS SURVIVE THE WINTER IN OPOSSUM TRAPPING METHODS.

By B. G. Roberts

The opossum belongs in a class by itself and is the only animal of its species found in America. It is very common in the South where it thrives in farm lands and in close proximity to mankind. It makes its home in holes in the ground in fields and woods, and sometimes lives in hollow logs or trees. It makes a warm bed in these dens or hollow trees where it spends the days and sometimes remains for several days during severe cold weather. Unlike the skunk, which is usually found in the same locality, the opossum travels through about all kinds of weather.

This animal's food is just about as of various nature as that of the raccoon. In the summer the opossum eats berries and fruits of various kinds as well as birds, eggs, mice and other animal foods. Often in late summer he will visit the farmer's cornfield and make a meal of roasting ears. In the fall the opossum lives on grapes, persimmons, black haws, and other fruits as well as off of small mammals which it can capture or find already killed. In the winter the opossum feeds on any of these foods that he can find as well as on the carcasses of domestic animals that may have died. Usually, as his food is of such a varied nature that it is easily found, the opossum is very fat so can stand very cold weather very well.

Opossums are not very suspicious of a trap so are easily trapped. If dens or hollow trees that are being used for winter quarters can be located, traps may be set in front of the entrances to such homes and covered lightly with dry leaves or grass. Trap chain is stapled to the tree, or is wired to a small pole or brush which is placed to one side of the trap and the entrance to the den. Trap should not be covered too deep or the jaws of the trap will clog and let the animal escape. Sometimes a piece of bait may be thrown back in the den beyond the trap and this will entice any passing animal into the den and so into the trap.

Bait sets for these animals may be made in the fields or woods, or anywhere the animal travels by building bait-houses or cubbies of rock or logs. These bait-houses are about two feet long, a foot wide and 16 inches high, and are built of rocks, logs or brush. The top is covered over, and one end is left open. I dig a bed for the trap in front of the open end and set trap in this bed, covering it lightly with dead leaves or grass. Trap chain is wired to a small pole or bush which is laid to one side of the trap and the entrance to the bait-house. A large bait such as chicken, half of a rabbit, a fish, some sardines, or half of the carcass of a skunk or opossum is placed in the back of the bait-house beyond the trap. Opossums like rotten flesh better than fresh so the bait should be left as long as it has any odor for the louder it smells the farther the opossum will go to get to it.

Culverts under roads are good locations for traps as not only opossums go through these when passing from one side of the road to the other, but mink, coon and foxes as well. I make bait-houses like those just described above in these culverts and set traps at all of these places I can find along my line. Bait sets may also be made along overgrown fence rows or in ravines in the field where the opossum goes in search of grapes or other food by tacking a rabbit or fowl to a tree or fence post about 18 inches from the ground and setting a trap underneath.

The No. 1 trap will hold an opossum if it gets a good hold on the leg but personally I prefer to use the No. 1 1/2 trap as this size trap will not only hold the opossum, without damaging the pelt, but will also hold coon, or fox if one of these animals should blunder into the set as is often the case. Opossums are not suspicious of a trap, but as other slyer and more valuable animals are often taken in traps set for opossums, it pays to use care when setting traps for these animals and see that the trap is carefully concealed.

But Dr. Butler knows of no sort of successful farm production that is fool-proof, easy, or certain, and notes particularly some requirements for success in dairying:

"I know that dairying requires more work, knowledge, and business judgment than many other kinds of farming, but I believe that it pays as fair a wage (if not a better one) for all the labor and intelligence put into it as any other line of farm production."

Regarding "the man" as the first factor in successful dairying, he says: "The factors which largely determine success in dairying are, first, the man, second, the cost of suitable feed, and third, the quality of the

"King Cotton is still a potent force in Texas' swing to industrialization, despite its drop from 1927 pre-eminence, according to Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Although income from cotton and cotton seed now accounts for only 38 cents of each dollar of the Texas cotton farmers' income, compared with 67 cents in 1927, the staple is still not only the state's best money crop but its surest cultivated feed crop. In the field of synthetic fibers, coupled with conditions set up by rapidly changing arts and technologies and by shifting trade balances, lies the way to healthy recovery for the cotton industry, he said. Consideration must be given to the natural environment in which the staple grows as well as to the physical characteristics of the plant itself.

In U. S. we have this trouble of money scarcity among the common people and among the moneyed we haven't the foresight of reward in giving of wealth, neither the heart and neither the will and strength—therefore, we have a great national debt, a great number of idle, great breakdown in business and other huge losses in property value, etc.

So far we lack political parties that are able to lead us out of the place of Bad Times as both Dem. and Rep. haven't advanced beyond the habitation of the Wolf.

May Christ have mercy.

A. E. GOOD.

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E. J. OEFINGER.

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Hondo, Texas.

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Two business lots adjoining the Hondo Baptist church at a bargain price and on terms to suit. Half block south of Highway 90, and suitable for any type of business building. Apply to either Geo. H. Kimmy or Fletcher Davis, Managers, Hondo Land Co.

FARM FOR SALE.

A 100-acre farm two miles west of Hondo, chocolate and black sandy loam soil, 65 acres in cultivation, all fenced and cross-fenced, small rent house and good well. Easy terms at only \$35.00 per acre. See Kimmy or Davis, Managers, Hondo Land Co.

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Two houses, one-story frame residences on three lots on West Mulberry St., San Antonio, for sale for \$6,500.00. All city conveniences.

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If you do not see what you want here tell us anyhow; we'll find it for you.

HONDO LAND CO., Agents.

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HONDO, TEXAS, DEC. 15, 1939

WASHINGTON
SNAPSHOTS . . .
by
James Preston

The opinions here expressed are
Preston's own and not necessarily
those of this paper.—M. E.

A mass of legislative problems is
building up for the regular session
of Congress convening in less than a
month, and one of the most trouble-
some is the Federal farm program.

Washington privately finds that
the present hodge-podge of soil ero-
sion, crop insurance, export subsidy,
production control, and so on and on,
is not satisfactory. The major rea-
son, government experts say in se-
cret, is that the present plan doesn't
allow enough leeway for natural
factors.

Wars, droughts, dust storms,
frogs, and the like don't seem to
pay much attention to laws. About
the time the program begins running
smoothly, one of these, or some simi-
lar factor, upsets things. More and
more Washington is beginning to
wonder whether the real trouble
isn't "controlitis"—too much
control of too many details.

Since it would be politically un-
wise to admit in an election year that
the present program isn't all it
could be, chances are against any
recommendations to Congress for an
ending of "controlitis." But Con-
gress may take things in its own
hands. It came within inches of pro-
longing the special session, and
would have if the President hadn't
had several million dollars to use
to drought relief in the Southeast.
—WSS—

Among the other big problems are
taxes, national defense, federal
law, prices, and annuities.
The Administration has declared it
will not ask Congress to raise the
present \$45 billion debt limit. There
therefore, talk of economy. But
President conceded that expendi-
tures cannot be cut enough to bal-
ance the budget, so with a \$3 billion
deficit at least in sight for next year,
Congress will be forced either to
raise the debt limit or enact a whop-
ping tax bill. And legislators don't
want to levy new taxes just before
they go home for an election cam-
paign.

—WSS—
Labor law changes will be sought
urgently, too. An experience in
Washington is being cited as an
example of the kind of thing that
should be stopped. The story is this:
in the many government buildings
the National Capital, a private organ-
ization operates 27 restaurants
cafeterias. Threatened with a
strike recently, this private organ-
ization signed a new contract with the
United Cafeteria Workers local
union. And the contract stipulated
that if cafeteria and restaurant
workers belong to the union, their
employer must deduct union dues be-
fore paying them. But if they do
belong to the union, then the em-
ployer must deduct an amount equal
to union dues and turn it over to
the union. The effect of this is to pen-
etrate workers who do not belong to
the union; in fact, it is almost a de-
vice to coerce them into joining the
union.

This is an object lesson that Con-
gress will not overlook.
—WSS—

Prices are coming in for scrutiny
by the Monopoly (newspapermen
call it "Monotony") Committee.
Dealers will attempt to show
there is no justification for any
increases despite higher taxes,
higher wages, and the war. Among
the commodities under study are several
which are imported into the United
States and over which nobody in the
United States has any price control.
The New Dealers figure the fact
that these prices do rise will create
a scare and help them get price con-
trols enacted.

—WSS—
On the subject of prices, some
Dealers make clear their idea
that nobody can handle them except
themselves. One of their primary
arguments up to now has been that
prices rise and fall too much. But
Thurman Arnold tells the steel
industry that the steel
industry is building up a "monopoly"
because its prices are too rigid. You
can't please some people.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Nov. 30, Felix Saucedo and Otilia
Saucedo.
Nov. 30, Melvin O'Bryant and
annie White.
Dec. 2, Henry E. Holder and
Lion Wolff.
Dec. 4, Luis Herrera and Elvira
Saucedo.

NEW AUTO REGISTRATIONS
Dec. 5, E. M. Whiteside, Natalia,
pick-up.
Dec. 4, Wm. Pyron Kenney, Som-
er, Pontiac station wagon.

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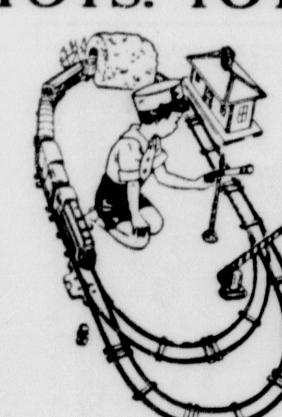
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NEW AUTO REGISTRATIONS

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Dec. 8, Carl H. Steinle, Dunlay, Chevrolet coupe.
Dec. 9, Myron F. Ward, Devine, Oldsmobile.
Dec. 14, J. E. Whiteside, Devine, Ford coupe.
Dec. 9, L. L. Irwin, Devine, International truck.
Dec. 13, F. H. Whitehead, Devine, Ford pick-up.
Dec. 14, Ascencion Muniz, D'Hanis, Chevrolet truck.

R. D. WINDROW INITIATED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—Bob Windrow, University of Texas student from Hondo, was initiated last week by Chi Phi, campus social fraternity.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dec. 7, Robert W. Burger and Adell Pichot.
Dec. 9, Rosindo Moreno and Mrs. Epimania Hernandez.

Mrs. Geo. Bendel Jr. of D'Hanis entered Medina Hospital on December 9th for several days medical treatment.

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Robert Reynolds was here Tues-
day from Temple and spent the day
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B.
Reynolds.

**THE METHODIST LADIES ARE
HAVING A CAKE SALE ON SAT-
URDAY, DEC. 16, AT THE ROTHE
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LOST—A black and tan female
hound, scar on brisket. Reward.
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Tyrone, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard de Montel
and daughters, Misses Esther and
Ada Mae, were down from Camp
Verde Sunday, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Stephenson
and little son of Cotulla were guests
of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Meyer last
week-end and attended the Hondo-
Victoria football game.

Miss Dorothy Power of San Antonio
was the guest of Miss Lucy Davis
last week-end. They were college
classmates and also taught together
in the same school last year.

Miss Patricia Ney, freshman at
Incarnate Word College, received
"cum laude" award with 31 students
of the college on the mid-semester
honor roll. She is the daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ney of Hondo.

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FED as low as \$1.25 per 100 lbs.; CRUSHED CORN,
\$1.15 per 100 lbs.; LAYING MASH (Big Five), \$2.00 per
100 lbs.; SHORTS, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.; WHEAT BRAN, \$1.25
per 100 lbs.

If You Buy in Ton Lots We Will Deliver to
any Reasonable Distance.

THANKING YOU FOR THE PATRONAGE THE PAST YEARS,
HOPING TO CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU.

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PHONE 138

**MEDINA COUNTY SHARES IN
ROAD REFUND**

A \$2,258,025 bonanza for 145

Texas counties went into the State
Treasury for distribution in the near
future, according to a press dispatch
from Austin on December 9th. This

is the first of several bonus payments
authorized by the amended road
bond act, and the money goes to politi-
cal subdivisions which have paid
more than their share of annual debt
service for eligible road bond issues
from 1933 to 1937, inclusive.

It is the forerunner of additional
reimbursements ordered by the Leg-
islature.

Julian Montgomery, State High-
way engineer and chairman of the
Board of County and District Road
Bond Indebtedness, announced ap-
proximately \$2,000,000 would be dis-
tributed about March 1, 1940. This

is for counties which had portions of
their lateral roads become State
highways between Sept. 17, 1932,
and Sept. 1, 1940.

Still another \$2,000,000 will be
available about Sept. 1, 1940, repre-
senting a surplus over and above
regularly scheduled payments from
the road bond indebtedness fund
which is financed by a one-cent allo-
cation of the four-cent State gaso-
line tax. Revenue from this source
moved upwards in recent years, and
the Legislature ordered distribution
of surpluses among counties and
road districts, according to the press
report.

County Treasurer O. J. Bader re-
ports Medina County will share in
this first reimbursement, and that the
amount of \$4,200 has been credited
to the County Lateral Road
Fund, later to be allotted to individ-
ual road districts within the county.
This payment is to cover Medina
County Road and Bridge Funding
warrants dated November 15, 1925.
Mr. Bader says, Medina County is
expected to share in the additional
payments ordered by the Legislature.

Mr. F. M. Davis of Austin spent
the week-end with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Fletcher Davis, and family.
Other guests Sunday were Miss Octavia
Davis of San Antonio and Messrs.
Lon and Temple Ingram of Austin,
the latter returning from a hunting
trip out to their ranch near Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rosen of San
Antonio were here for the Hondo-
Victoria game Friday night and also
visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Fritz Steigler, and Mr. and Mrs.
Wesley Huesser. Mrs. Rosen was
formerly Vernell Steigler.

Mrs. Mary Lou Grunewald and
Mrs. Roy Breiten of Yancey were in
town last week Wednesday on busi-
ness and while here visited Mrs. Bill
Breiten and baby.

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Mrs. O. B. Taylor entertained the
Thursday Bridge Club on Thursday
of last week. Decorations were in
keeping with the approaching holiday
season. Mrs. L. E. Heath won high
score prize and Mrs. Volney Boon
won second high prize. Refreshments
of molded fruit salad, potato chips,
saltines, stuffed dates, coffee and
tea were served. Players were Mes-
dames L. E. Heath, L. J. Brucks,
Volney Boon, B. R. Eichenroth, H. J.
Meyer, Robert Kollman, O. H. Mil-
ler, and J. M. Finger, and Mrs. Ed
Conneyve was a tea guest.

The Ladies' Bridge Club met Tues-
day afternoon with Mrs. Fletcher
Davis as hostess. A Christmas tree,
gaily wrapped gifts and autumn
leaves were the seasonal decorations
used in the home. Club prizes were
awarded Mrs. Ed Cameron for high
score and Mrs. O. E. Taylor for sec-
ond high. Guest award for high
went to Mrs. F. X. Vance, and prizes
for sham bids were won by Mrs. H. J.
Meyer and Mrs. A. H. Schweers.
Table prizes were won by Mrs. L. E.
Heath, L. J. Brucks and W. B. Meyer.
A refreshment plate, consisting
of green pea salad striped with red
pimiento, pickles, saltines, and
cookies, and tea and coffee were
served. The personnel included Mes-
dames L. J. Brucks, H. J. Meyer, W.
B. Meyer, L. E. Heath, Ed Koch, J.
L. Werst Jr., J. M. Finger, B. R.
Eichenroth, A. H. Schweers, F. X.
Vance, O. B. Taylor and Ed Camer-
on.

Nearly every Hondo family had
guests Friday night who helped swell
the crowd at the Hondo-Victoria
football game. Some were from Vic-
toria and others came from both dis-
tant and near, far too many to see
or name.

One of the lovely Christmas bridge
parties was that given Friday after-
noon by Mrs. E. G. Pope. Red and
white chrysanthemums and red poin-
settias were floral decorations effec-
tively carrying out the seasonal
theme. The hostess served refresh-
ments of frozen vegetable salad,
olives, smacks, chocolate cream rolls
and coffee to the following bridge
and tea guests: Mesdames L. E.
Heath, H. J. Meyer, W. B. Meyer,
Fletcher Davis, L. J. Werst Jr., E. A.
Starnes, Volney Boon, Clinton Taylor,
Clyde Gerfers, O. B. Taylor,
Garland Martin, Robert Kollman,
Harry Mueller, Ernest Britsch, O. B.
Laughinghouse and Milton Heyen,
and Miss Elta Leinweber. High
score trophy went to Mrs. Heath, low
to Mrs. Starnes, and cut to Mr.
Boon.

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We wish our readers, one and all and wherever dispersed, a merry Christmas and one blessed with one of life's most precious gifts—peace and goodwill.

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The evil men do often comes back to plague them. Thanks to Roosevelt's insistence, Congress repealed the arms embargo act for the benefit of England and France, both repudiators of war debts made in good faith. Now we witness the sorry spectacle of Stalin and his Russian hordes—arch repudiators themselves—blowing the government of Finland into kingdom come with airplanes and bombs bought in America. And Finland is the only European nation that had not repudiated her war debts to the country that is now furnishing the lethal weapons to enable her enemy to destroy her.

—oo—

If you and your neighbor Jones were having a scrap and neighbor Brown slipped up and handed Jones a club to belabor you with wouldn't you consider Brown as much in the fight against you as Jones himself? Well, that is exactly the position we are in the scrap between the British-French allies and the Hitlerites. And if you got a chance to retaliate by knocking Brown on the noodle would not you do so with as much satisfaction as you would hit Jones? Well, that's exactly what the Hitlerites are laying for—just such a chance! We are already IN the war and the only reason no American blood has been spilled is because there have been no armed contacts.

—oo—

Congressman Martin Dies gives the following as his definition of true Americanism: "Americanism means the recognition of the God-given rights of man and the protection of those rights under the Constitution through the instrumentality of an independent Congress, an untrammelled judiciary, and a fair and impartial Executive operating under the American system of checks and balances. Americanism likewise means the protection of an unorganized majority from an organized minority, as well as the protection of a helpless minority from an inconsiderate and thoughtless majority." How true! And how deplorably fast we are drifting away from it!

—oo—

Texas' own Senator Tom Connally is sponsoring a bill to require the Federal Government to put up \$10.00 to the state's \$5.00 for the first fifteen dollars of the monthly old age pension. Over fifteen and up to \$40.00 state and Federal are to match dollar for dollar. Since the taxpayer must pay the entire sum, no matter what agent or agents collects or disburses it, we wonder whom the plan will help? It seems obvious to this cornfield hand that the statesmanly thing for our Senator to do is to first find out whether mulcting the taxpayers to pay anybody a pension is a rightful function of government? And if so, in our set-up of a dual system of state and federal sovereignty, each with its own defined duties and bounds, to which sovereignty does the pensioning belong? Then see that that agency and it alone performs its own functions, and spare the taxpayers the expense of maintaining two administrative agencies to carry on a partnership contrary to the spirit and purpose if not the very letter of our organic law.

WHO STARTED THE WAR?

"Snap Shots" in the Dallas News makes this facetious remark:

"The most curious phase of the present war is that nobody alleges it was started by the international bankers."

Even Hitler himself would doubtless admit that who started the war may be a debatable question.

But no doubt the International Bankers are willing to let any body who wishes take the blame for starting it so long as they can take the profits from financing it.

Perhaps Snap Shots never reads the syndicated commentators or searches in out-of-the-way places where the real news is oftenest found.

Otherwise, quite some time before he penned the above, he might have read in Joseph W. Le Bines' News Analysis that:

"Incorporated in New York was an agency through which French and British governments could buy war materials and other goods from their \$7,000,000,000 war chest set aside for that purpose. Planned last spring, the agency replaces J. P. Morgan & Company, who acted in this capacity during the last war."

Later on, Ray Tucker, in his National Whirligig column of news behind the news, tells who the supplanters are in the following:

"Several government agencies have pooled their forces to supervise the Allies' war transactions in the United States and to safeguard our economic system against the impact of foreign developments. Though a seemingly unnecessary move, it places this country squarely in the Franco-British camp."

"The New York federal reserve bank has supplanted J. P. Morgan & Co., which served in that capacity from 1914 to 1918, as the Allies' fiscal agency. All war purchases will be paid by earmarked British gold (until it runs out) in the bank's possession. When it becomes necessary for London and Paris to dispose of their remaining American securities, the selling will be done with the aid and advice of several government agencies—the treasury, the S. E. C. and the federal reserve.

"Meanwhile the joint army-navy munitions commission, with the active cooperation of the state and

treasury departments, will oversee actual war buying here. As with the financial deals, the unofficial explanation is that the scheme tends to prevent a dislocation of American national defense industries. But it all adds up to more or less active American intervention on behalf of the Western powers."

With every dollar in gold held by the various governments of the world mortgaged several times over to bondholders, it is easy to determine who is behind the scenes and pulling the strings in this drama of financing the war.

The surprising lag in the aggressiveness of the war may be explained by the presumption that when profiteers fight over the spoils warlords find it slow going.

But at any rate, Tucker's exposition puts our government squarely in the game of profiteering, while acting the marionette for the money lords, and makes a shameless mockery of our pretense of neutrality.

And there are people who still persuade themselves to think "this country will never get into this war"!

THE GOVERNOR QUESTIONS.

The daily papers quote from one of Governor O'Daniel's Sunday morning radio talks this bland question:

"Why should anybody, and especially any legislator, take the position or imply that the voters of Texas are not intelligent enough to read and understand a constitutional amendment and decide for themselves what it means before they would go to the polls for or against same?"

Has the Governor forgotten—or did he never know about it?—how a few years ago the voters were solemnly assured that Texas would lose all Federal road benefits unless Texans voted a three-hundred million dollar road-bonded indebtedness upon themselves and how the propagandists who spread the claim promptly admitted it was all a "mistake" after the voters refused to fall into the trap?

Does he remember—or did he never know—how the voters were wheedled into voting a \$26,000,000.00 bonded indebtedness on themselves on the plea that it would end unemployment in Texas; and how it

was all spent without so much as making a dent in what it was supposed to end?

Has the Governor so soon forgotten how thousands of Texans were misled into voting for "old age pensions", on the specious plea that it was for ALL THE AGED, only to find out that it was a scheme to convert the care of aged indigents into a national and state political racket?

How about his own promises of "\$30.00 per month for ALL" in his 1938 campaign?

No matter what "anybody, and especially any legislator", thinks of the people's intelligence, they are beginning to learn that politicians are little to be trusted, least of all when it comes to tampering with our Constitution.

By the way, has the Governor ever tried intelligencising the people on the effect of placing a constitutional ceiling over natural-resources taxes, one of the most potent effects that would result from the adoption of his pet measure, S. J. R. No. 12?

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Peter Molyneaux in The Texas Weekly quotes Dorothy Thompson on the Youth problem: "The beginning of training is in the attitude of individuals toward work; in respect for work and in the desire for perfection in work." Then he comments: "It has long been my conviction that greater effort should be made in the schools to adjust the individual pupil psychologically to the economic environment in which he must live, to give him a deeper sense of personal responsibility for his own economic maintenance, and TO DEVELOP IN HIM THE WILL TO BE AN ECONOMIC ASSET TO SOCIETY RATHER THAN A LIABILITY." Instead of that wholesome objective, we now hear the slogan: "W. P. A., here we come."

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Governor O'Daniel's refusal to call the legislature into extra session is the most commendable act of his administration so far. The only solution for the mess old age pensions are in is to re-submit the amendment in such a form that the voters can either repeal it or else arrange to go down into their own pockets to raise a fund for a fair pension to all alike, without any buck-passing of the burdens or favoritism in distributing the gifts. This could not be done at a special session even if the legislators so willed it. So the only thing a special session could accomplish would be to enable the legislators to make political medicine for themselves at the expense of the taxpayers.

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In one of Paul Mallon's Washington dispatches, dated October 27, Mr. Mallon wrote: "Mr. Roosevelt . . . has been pounding the desk in confabs with congressmen lately about this talk that he will get us into the war. The surprised legislators report they have never seen him so arroud about anything. The United States government will not get into the war at any time under any circumstances and it is foolish and absurd for anyone to suggest such a thing, the President has told at least three representatives individually . . ." Let's see. Who was it told us "the saloon shall not come back? Who said most emphatically, long ago, "this business of relief has got to stop"?

ANVIL SPARKS

CHRISTMAS—

—Is the season for peace and good will!

—Is childhood's fairland come true!

—Is made sordid by a mere swapping of gifts!

—Is most enjoyed where the spirit of good will most abides!

—Is wealth's opportunity to do good without being patronizing!

—Giving without the spirit of good will makes an empty mockery of the gift!

—Gifts that are most priceless are those that build the sweetest recollections in Memory's castle!

The man is never too old who can still do the job!

Righteousness consists mostly of

right-use-ness of the talents given you!

†

One does well to beware to whom he becomes a debtor!

UNCLE JAKE SEZ:

Bad ez things wuz, I cud be thankful Thanksgiving 'cause I didn't HAVE to observe Franksgivin' yet!

Whut I likes most erbout Chris'ms is fergitten all the folks that's dun me dirt!

MY CHRISTMAS WISH

Christmas!
May it bring you
In full measure the best
Of all good cheer—the gracious gift
Of Peace!

—FLETCHER DAVIS.

THE MUSES' GARDEN



A CHRISTMAS LEGEND

A Baron dwelt upon a hill,
His stronghold built of stone.
But castle walls are not as hard
As hearts when love has flown.
One Christmas Eve, the blinds drawn
close
Lest his dour eyes should see
Sad faces of the poor who came
Or hear their piteous plea.
When suddenly upon the pane
A timid rap, tap-tap.
Drawing aside the curtains he
Espied a little chap.
"The Christ-child hungers" spake a
voice;
The baron angrily
Jerked down the blinds again and
said,
"Well, what is that to me?"
A second tapping, and the words
"The Christ is poor and ill."
The baron turned and with an oath
Sat down to eat his fill.
Food turned to ashes in his mouth,
His wine became as gall,
Amazed, he pondered for an hour
Then rushing down the hall
He snatched his fur-lined coat and
plunged
Through drifts to seek the child
And many others he had turned
Away in language wild.
He gathered all and soon the place
Resounded with their mirth,
Well-fed and clothed, their happiness
Brought joy of untold worth.
Naught but a legend but it shows
what happens when a heart
Will let the Christmas spirit in to pry
the stones apart.

—ELLIE WILCOX BURT.

AN ENGLISH CHILD'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray thee Lord, our house to keep.
Let Mother smile; please take
This funny ache
From round my heart.
I don't want any soldiers this year
Because I see a tear
In big sister's eyes, when I bring
My old ones out. I try to sing
And play like I used to do
When Daddy was here.
Don't send me any toys this year,
But make this awful noise go 'way,
Just, Dear Lord, for Christmas Day!

—RUTH C. DEITZ.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Hail to the yule-log on the hearth
And the boughs of shining holly!
The snow-flakes piling on the roof
And laughter, rich and jolly,
While over every mantle piece
Red poinsettias cluster
Within a candle lighted room,
Gay with Christmas luster!

—KAY McCULLOUGH.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

1.
We thank Thee, Lord, for all Thy
blessings
As they come, from day to day.
Grant that there shall be no straying
As we go along our way.

AMEN.

2.

We thank thee, Father, for the blessings
Thou hast given.
Grant us grace, and peace, and mer-
cy, and at last,
A home with Thee, in Heaven.

AMEN.

—ANN FOSTER ELLIS.

A SHEPHERD'S WATCH

Here, on the fringe of a fallen king-
dom,
I watch my sheep:
Head-lined moments, soldiers and
kings
Have lost their worth,
The tears old wisdom knows return
again
The grass to drench;
Clouds sail the sky—there seems a
sob
In Spring and the earth.
Gray, wind-swept stones have bur-
rowed
Into a rugged niche.
An eagle sweeps with the flame of
freedom
And watchfulness;
So deep the blue beyond the wings,
so
Green the laurel boughs;
Twilight slants across my sheep,
End of day brings rest.

Across the hill where many moons
have
Climbed, white lilies grow;
The year's first violets bloom, old
Yulans slightly sway;
Silence lifts a well-earned peace, like
An old Bach melody—
Here in quietness one may peel the
Pits of yesterday.
What represents the harmony of life
Has been remembered,
Gently, like the silver throb through
A temple song—
War bends not the spine of courage,
nor

The patient gallant heart;
Violets bloom, in spite of wars, and
Shepherds watch the years
along.

—LORAIN LASHLEY.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The children's fun and childish joys
Now rule the land at Christmas time.
The pleasure of the girls and boys
Makes sweet their homes in many a
clime.

In other lands war holds full sway
And men are killed in field and sky.
Our children pray on Christmas Day
That childhood's Lord may never
die.

—J. E. ELLIOTT.

CARE.

Careless
Tho I may seem
To care-full you, I have
Found more in love than you have
In less.

—ANA LINE

GARDEN TALKS

We are pleased to acknowledge
receipt of a copy of Mrs. Flozari
Rockwood's attractive brochure,
"Salutations To Flozari". It is a
compilation of dedicatory poems and
personal notes by various authors
and is attractively done by Pegasus
Studies, 139 Payne Avenue, Cleve-
land, Ohio. It is priced at 50 cents.

A card from Henry Harrison,
Poetry Publisher, 79 Fourth Avenue,
New York, announces that he has
taken over the publication of the
famous Davis Anthology of Newspa-

THE ELEVEN POINT BUCK

His hide was rough and his muscles
tough,
His antler points were eleven.
He matched in speed the fastest
steed
And the scars in his sides were seven.
Each a souvenir of a hunted year,
A brand of hate to remind him
That in winter sleet or summer heat
Death stalked the trail behind him.

He sought the spot where bleached
bones rot,
The place where his murdered doe
Choked out her breath in the throes
of death
Some twelve long moons ago.
Silent and fleet through the thick
mesquite
His unmarked route he chose.
His sinews strained and his ears were
trained
When the man scent reached his
nose;

He whirled and backed as the rifle
cracked,
But the bullet found its mark.
Knocked to the ground he sprang
with a bound
And ran through the gathering dark.
By trees rubbed slick at the old salt
lick,
Over ridges and flats below,
Gasping for breath, in the grip of
death
He fell by his murdered doe.

—ROBERT LEE BROTHERS.

MAKE IT RIGHT

If you've made a sad mistake,
As we all so often make,
There's one way that to you should
be very plain.
You should set the matter right,
'Ere you close your eyes at night,
And not give a fellow creature need-
less pain.

If you know you've been to blame,
You can never feel the same,
'Till you frankly own your error like
a man.
When you've owned to being wrong,
You can face life with a song,
'Tis a rule that's stood the test since
time began.

If you've made a mess of life,
And your soul is filled with strife,
You need not sit down and fret in
needless woe.
Happiness can be yours yet,
Learn to forgive and forget,
And the darkest cloud will wear a
golden glow.

—ARTHUR G. RAKESTRAW.

per Verse. Mrs. Athel Davis
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And so—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DEAD DREAMS

Ah, here comes old Memory, shuf-
fing back,
All bent and hoary and aged with
time,
What doth he carry in that frayed
old gunny sack?
Why lost hopes, dead dreams and
things that used to make life
rhyme.

Therein done up in small neat packs
Is tiny heaps of ashes, gray and
black,
That once were rosy tinted hues,
Fresh greens, soft pinks and baby
blues.

There's laughter too, done up in bags
of cellophane,
And little tear-drops clean and white
That pelt upon the window pane
Of yester-years that always were so
good and bright.

Let's sort them out and see if we
can guess
What's in each heap of ashes gray,
But still I must with tears confess,
It hurts to see these dead things once
so gay.

In dazzling procession they file be-
fore my eyes,
Resplendent in robes of rose and
gold,
But as they pass wave to me "Good
Bye",
And change into soiled garments
ragged and old.

If I could gather them all into my
heart,
And keep them there untarnished as
of old,
No casket could ever hold a part
Of my jewels gleaming in their
beds of gold.

But alas, it is too late I fear,
To garner them from Fate and
Time,
Ashes to ashes—dust to dust they
remain,
Those long dead dreams of mine.

—LUCILE SCHNABEL.

WINTER TREES

Are these the trees that yesterday
Wore their garments of verdant
green,
Where the birds trilled their roundel-
lay
Charmed by the splendor of the
scene?

But now, behold them standing
there—
Trunks deep in glittering flakes of
white—
Bare voiceless boughs that droop and
share,
Old winter's moods both day and
night.

—GEORGE PELLS.

PRAIRIE SUNSET

(Kansas or Nebraska)
On the rim of rolling prairie,
I watched the daylight die
With the crimson evening splendor
Of the far flung Western sky.
And as the twilight deepened,
On the purpled shadowy screen,
My breath caught, at the glory
Of the intricate patterned scene.

—MILDRED DEWEY.

LA COSTE LEDGERTTES.

La Coste Ledger

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman, Jr., and baby of San Antonio, were business visitors in Corpus Christi over the week-end.

Wm. Lam of here had the misfortune of losing the first joint of his second finger on his right hand Wednesday morning while working in his plow. The accident occurred in his farm near LaCoste. The finger was mashed off just below the nail. Wm. Lam, his son, was near by and rushed him to the physician in LaCoste for treatment.

Mrs. W. A. Reicherzer and daughter, Mrs. Morgan Griffin, of San Antonio, are the guests of Mrs. Josepha Biediger here this week. They are accompanied here by Mesdames A. E. Peters and son and Abbie Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kempf and sons of Castroville visited with relatives in LaCoste Saturday.

Miss Margaret Gross of San Antonio spent the week-end with her parents here.

Wm. Keller visited at Black Creek Tuesday.

Herbert Tondre from Castroville is a business visitor in LaCoste today afternoon.

Mrs. Julius Mueller and daughter, Castroville visited in LaCoste today afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Mangold visited relatives Sunday in Castroville.

Mrs. Wm. Tschirhart and Eloise pert were LaCoste visitors Tuesday.

Robert Biry from Spindletop was a LaCoste business visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Mangold from San Antonio visited in LaCoste Saturday.

G. R. Hans of Castroville was a business visitor in LaCoste Monday.

Miss Dorothy Brown from East Texas, is visiting with her parents here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar de Montel and children from Spindletop visited in LaCoste Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Sauer from LaCoste visitors Tuesday.

Miss Doris Koehler from San Antonio spent the Thanksgiving holiday at home.

Joe A. Bader and Gene Mangold of Castroville were LaCoste visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Jungman and son from Rio Medina were LaCoste visitors Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glover of San Antonio were business visitors in LaCoste Monday.

Mrs. D. J. Herzing and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baker here Friday.

Mrs. Harry Hans and sons, Kenneth and Glenn, were LaCoste visitors Monday.

Messrs Paul Keller of Devine and T. Bardin from Hondo were LaCoste visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Mangold of San Antonio spent Thanksgiving Day in Castroville with their children.

Mrs. Fred Koehler and children from Macdonald and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elmendorf and children of San Antonio spent Sunday with home-people here.

Mrs. Gabe Hans from Castroville is a visitor here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mangold of Castroville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Keller and children here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Steinle of here spent several days of the past week with Mrs. Chas. T. Wurzbach and daughters at Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kempf, son, and granddaughter, Arlene Schneider, were LaCoste visitors Friday.

Mrs. Mayme Tripp, daughter, Mary Ellen, son, Robert, and girl and visited here and at Spindletop today.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Keller and were visiting Mrs. Mayme Tripp in San Antonio Sunday.

Emil C. Bippert reports bagging a joint buck near his place Friday morning, which dressed 110 pounds.

Misses Isabel Mangold and Hazel Jungman visited with Mrs. H. B. Hartman at Hondo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rieber and children were Hondo visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Monier and son, Leigh-ton, and Mrs. C. G. Leighton made a trip to Bandera Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mangold visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mechler and children, Doris and Leon at the Sauz one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Keller, Mrs. Margaret Keller, Mrs. Adel Koehler, and Misses Henrietta Keller and Ethel Mae Koehler were San Antonio visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bippert and sons and Miss Florence Obets visited with Otto Bendele and daughters in Kerrville over the week-end. They also visited the Ed. Friedrich Ranch.

Mrs. Alex Haby of Rio Medina and Mrs. Wallace Lutz, her daughter, Evelyn, and son, Francis, from D'Hanis, visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bippert and sons here Thursday.

Messrs. Wm. Rihm, Sr., George and Paul Echtle, Adolph Zinsmeyer, Paul Christilles, Alex Jungman, and John C. Biediger from LaCoste attended the St. Louis Society meeting at Castroville Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Biediger and sons from San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Keller and sons enjoyed a turkey dinner Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mangold and children at Medina Lake.

Mrs. J. C. Biediger and sons, John C., Jr., Francis and Thomas and Mrs. Josephine Biediger spent last Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nehr and children at D'Hanis.

Mrs. Emil S. Christilles and son, William Edward, visited here Saturday with Mrs. W. F. Biediger and children.

L. C. Howard of Castroville was a LaCoste visitor Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Christilles and children visited in San Antonio Sunday. They were accompanied there by Miss Fabiola Mechler who had been visiting over the Thanksgiving holidays.

BANDERA NEWS

The Bandera New Era.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ahr of LaCoste and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Haby of Rio Medina were here Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braden and son, Frank Jr., visited J. T. Pennington and Ben D. Journo at Hondo last Thursday.

TARPLEY

Relatives and friends gathered Tuesday, Nov. 28th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pressler to help them celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Guests began arriving in the early afternoon and at 5 p. m. a sumptuous meal of roast turkey, barbecue and salads was served to about 80 guests. In the evening more friends arrived and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. At 10:30 refreshments of coffee, cake and sandwiches were served to the entire gathering which numbered more than 150 guests. The honorees received many beautiful and useful gifts. When time came for parting, everyone declared they had enjoyed the occasion very much and left with the best of good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Pressler and hoped they would meet again at their golden wedding.

R. L. Clegg and friends from a distance were: Ernest Pressler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Minich, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bergman of Boerne; Ernest Schmidt and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Meckle of Waring; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Biermann and daughter, Olga, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Koennecke, Mr. and Mrs. August Pressler, Chas. Pressler, Chas. Schmidt and children of Comfort; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sprott and daughter of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanfner and son of Bankersmith; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerdes and children, Mr. and Mrs. August Sprott and son and Mr. Hartman of Hondo.

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DEVINE NEWSLETS.

The Devine News

Misses Lillian, Mildred and Helen Wiemers had a pleasant visit with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Weekley of Pearlsall and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Berry spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Johnnie Love, a student nurse at Santa Rosa Infirmary was here for the holidays with her parents.

BIRY

Mr. Chas. Henson and son from Seven Sisters returned home after spending a few days with Mr. Raymond Bendele and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Haass spent one day the past week in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath and son, Noel spent Thanksgiving day in San Antonio with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haass and family spent one day the past week in Devine.

Mr. Charley Miller from Brackett spent the week with his wife and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bohl and family and Miss Thresia Kellar spent one day the past week in San Antonio with their aunt, Mrs. Krisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hardt and daughters from Bruni spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt and little Judy Ann spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Alice Littleton.

Mrs. L. D. Stripling and daughters from Carrizo Springs spent the week end with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wielhlem and son of San Antonio spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Charles and Calvin Hartman, students of Seguin and San Marcos respectively are at home for the holidays.

Misses Beulah, Ima and Ethel Faseler of San Marcos are enjoying the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson spent Tuesday in San Antonio.

Mrs. H. S. Brannen and little son arrived Wednesday from Burkeville. Mr. and Mrs. Brannen attended the teachers meet in San Antonio last week-end. Also visited homefolks before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cologne and two little daughters of Dickinson, and Mrs. Cologne's mother of Sabinal passed through enroute to Cotulla and paid us a short call. Mr. Cologne is the proprietor of several lumber yards. Fred Burgin working at Dickinson yard.

Mrs. C. J. Nefinger left Saturday for Hondo, where she will be met by some of her children from San Antonio and all spent the week-end with her son, Ben, at Hondo.

Mrs. Horace Johnson of D'Hanis and Miss Edna Jeanette Tullock of Belton were in Yancey Saturday.

Mr. J. J. Tullock received a message that one of their nieces had died suddenly at Belton, they attended the funeral.

Mr. Walter Tullock and daughter, Miss Edna Jeanette of Belton and Miss Jane Tullock of Ingleside spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tullock.

Mrs. W. P. Crain enjoyed a visit from her children of San Antonio, Mr. Wetz and family.

Misses Pauline and Anna Lee McAnelly of Austin spent the holidays with their parents, also John McAnelly and Albert Wilson.

Mr. Desha McAnelly became quite ill one day last week, and it was necessary to call Dr. Meyer to his bedside. We hope he has improved after the treatment.

Mr. August Bohmfalk and family, Mr. Fritz Bohmfalk and family, Mr. Charlie Kueck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kueck and Mr. Henry L. Saathoff went to Green Hill, Saturday where other friends and relatives assembled to honor Mrs. Regina Saathoff upon her 84th birthday anniversary.

We learned Saturday that Mr. John Balzen of Upper Quhill had passed away. A former neighbor and distant relative of ours. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lindenburg and daughter, Lillian, Mrs. Henry Lindenburg and baby and Mrs. Jacob Saathoff of Quhill were visitors with Mrs. H. N. Burgin and daughters last Saturday.

Mr. Fred Allen visited homefolks at Kingsville last week-end. Mr. John Buchanan spent Thanksgiving in Dallas with his parents, and Mr. McNeil visited in San Antonio and Austin.

Supt. and Mrs. Hill attended the Teachers State Convention in San Antonio, and finished the week-end at Mathis with homefolks.

Mrs. Marjorie Lewis visited her brother, Richard, at A. & M. College.

Miss Frances Cowden visited friends in San Antonio and Cordelia Brown visited in San Antonio and Mathis.

ALL WITHIN A DAY.

The blushing of dawn was the work of a saint
No brush of this mankind
Could copy
With paint.

The sun
Came with all its
Most radiant smile
To give of good cheer and portray
you sweet smile.

Before the enticing noon hour, came
a cloud
To cover the sunshine
And cast on
A shroud.

The short daytime
The gladness and gloom
Were all I could ask of a garden to
bloom.

—JANE BROWNING.

NEVER SAY NO.

If you say achievement won't be won,
It won't;
If you say a thing can not be done,
It can't.

If you fail one task then don't give
up,
Keep on;
Welcome problems if success you'd
sup,
With joy.

—MALOY BURNS.

'US'

What is
Man but Thine own
Idea of Thyself which
Is eternally reflected
In us.

—EDITH ANISFIELD WOLF.

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INDIAN SUMMER

Indian Summer, Autumn's glory, stepping high in scarlet shoes
O'er leaves of flame and copper, carpet
pets wove in myriad hues.
With her filmy purple mantle drifting
in the spicy air,
And her scarf of white clouds, misty,
flung across the heavens, fair
Around her head pale fall sunshine
forms a halo-silver, gold,
Waking with its warmth late flowers,
slumbering in rich leaf-mould.
Leaves now dying shed their fragrance mixed with odor of wood-smoke
In the air a sudden quickening, warning
summer may revoke,
And tomorrow Winter's vanguard
may replace with icy gleam
Autumn's glory. Indian Summer passes like a fleeting dream.

—ELLIE WILCOX BURT.

FALL'S HALF-MOON

The half-moon sailed a sky of grace
With cloud veil of silver o'er her face;

Mottled shadow hovered the earth
Quick silver laughter and silent mirth.

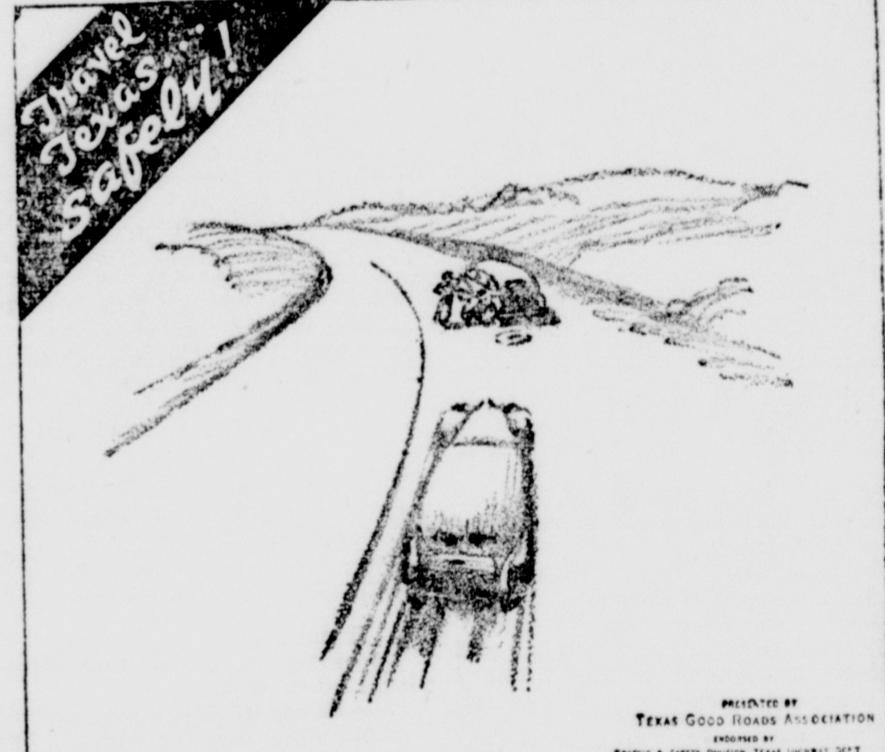
Sail ho! Half-moon from East to West;

Silver grass to earth's bosom prest,
Shall bow and bow again to you;
Shall kiss you with their beads of dew.

—LELA WILLHITE.

PARK ON THE HIGHWAY WITH DEATH FOR A PAL

(33 Texas deaths were caused last year by 30 vehicles parked in the traffic lane.)



Castroville Cullings

LOCAL, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ITEMS FROM THIS BUSY BURG

ISABELL KARM, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

News and advertising copy for this column for the week's issue should be submitted to Miss Karm or mailed direct to us at Hondo not later than Tuesday night of each week. Miss Karm is authorized to collect and receipt for any business for this paper

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1939

Stop at the Blue Bonnet Cafe at Castroville, Texas, for good Eats, Beer and Home-made Ice Cream and Bread. Courteous Service. Patronize a home industry and help your home town. Bread for sale at all stores in Castroville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Halbardier and daughters, Barbara June and Lynn Iris, of George West, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ripp and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schott of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Halbardier Sunday.

Mr. Louis Hutzler and daughter, Selma, were Hondo visitors Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schott and son, Calvin, of Dunlap visited Louis Hutzler and daughter, Selma, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pope and daughter, LaVerne, of San Antonio spent Sunday visiting in the Emil Biry home. Miss Frances Biry, who had been the week-end guest of the Poppers, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Bippert, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weible and Mrs. J. L. Tondre were in San Antonio Tuesday where they attended a banquet honoring the Novy boys who are at home on a furlough, at the Original Mexican Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marty and baby son, Wayne Leonard, of San Antonio spent Sunday visiting relatives. Mrs. Alvina Brieden, who has been on an extended visit with her daughter, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brieden and baby, Patricia Ann, Mesdames August Schott, Jr., and son, Arliess, Alvina Brieden and Harry Hans were in San Antonio Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Mangold of LaCoste visited her father, Joe Tschirhart Sr., at the home of Mrs. A. H. Tondre Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Tschirhart was seriously ill last Friday but is steadily improving at this writing.

Mrs. Fred Lieber and daughter, Freddie, spent the week-end in San Antonio with her mother, Mrs. F. A. Huegele. Mrs. Huegele observed her eighty-seventh birthday Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suehs and daughter, Patricia, were in San Antonio Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hutzler of Banderia spent Thanksgiving Day as visitors in the Louis Hutzler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brieden and children, Marlene Rose and Leonard Jr., were the week-end guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hans and Mrs. Louis Schott were San Antonio visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Hoog, the former Zonie Taylor of Hondo, was named honoree at a miscellaneous shower at the Parish hall, Sunday afternoon, from two-thirty to five.

DID YOU KNOW

The younger generation of masculine hunters all under sixteen years of age were unquestionably lucky in bagging deer over the holidays. Joe Sittre's buck was a 4-point, Melvin Jaggs killed a fine 5-pointer, his being the largest dressed, and Wilton Schott can boast of a 6-point deer.

The Very Rev. Dean J. Lenzen and his sister, Miss Barbara Lenzen, who makes her home with him, are twins, and that they celebrated a birthday anniversary on Tuesday, November 21. Congratulations!

Elton Tondre, a senior at St. Louis High School, and his brother, Clark, of San Antonio, left early Sunday morning on a hunting trip to the Jemez Ranch. At 10:30 A. M. Elton killed his first deer, a large 9-prong buck. Is he proud? That broad smile on his face answers the question.

BOY SCOUTS CAMPAIGN FOR NEEDY

The Castroville Boy Scouts are working fervently in their campaign to gather old but serviceable garments to distribute to the needy. The Scouts' endeavor to help the poor should merit the cooperation of all townspeople. Be generous in your donation.

LUTHER LEAGUE MEETS

The Castroville Luther League met Friday evening, Dec. 8, 1939, in the Fuos building. The meeting was opened with song, prayer, and scripture reading led by Rev. A. H. Falkenberg.

The important business of the meeting was the election of officers for the coming year. In the election Tusnelda Wurzbach was elected president; Darlene Bippert, vice-president; Gladys Halty, secretary; George Kunze Jr., treasurer, and Eloise Bippert, reporter.

Plans were made to have a Christmas party, Dec. 28, in the Fuos.

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LOCAL, PERSONAL AND BUSINESS ITEMS FROM THIS BUSY BURG

ISABELL KARM, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

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team or starting his tractor, mother busy with breakfast and hastening the tots to school, the lonely patient on his sickbed, the mariner on his rocking vessel, the soldier near his murderous war-implements, the hum and shout and cry in office, railroad stations and wharves, the very radio announcer with his humdrum for lovelore and laxatives, all the world over, things and people are a little different with the new sunrise, the new day; a little older, a little worse for wear and tear, a little more jaded and frazzled; others, of the human species, perhaps a little wiser, stronger, more experienced and resolute. But all are different from yesterday. No day really presents the same picture again. The rising sun sees a new world. --- And so did Jacob at Peniel. Never before did that sunrise look so good to him. Never before did his internal world and the world around him present such an overwhelming sight. A new and different man. No longer Jacob, the heel-holder, the schemer, but Israel, the prince of men, the God-striver, and victorious at that. He commutes the place, the night and the day, with a ready and appropriate term, Peniel. He puts the right interpretation to it: I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. He guards against any misconception or denial of the event. So it went down in Jewish history. Hosea, the prophet, many centuries later, re-echoes that conception. Yes, he (Jacob) had power over the angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him. . . even the Lord God of hosts. --- And here we have an inkling of the meaning of that nightly conflict. Still a bad conscience about something? "Is his heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth?" His contrition, his remorse and self-reproach, is it, was it up to now, deep and sincere? Was fear or love the driving motive in his attitude to God? Up to now, was he merely under the strain of disillusionment, realizing that "wild oats make a bad autumn crop", that his defections of bygone days and even in his career were never thoroughly deplored? Had he merely displayed "the russet apple mind that betters as the weather worsens?" That "little spark of celestial fire", the conscience, may be quashed and quenched for a while; the bellows of danger, however, are apt to blow it into a consuming fire. Those strings of conscience, how realistically were they personified by the old Greek tragedians, as the Erinyes, the tormenting goddesses, fiendish women, their hair a tangle of serpents, fingers clawing, eyes dripping blood, torches in one hand and a whip of scorpions in the other. So far, did he use his God merely as the provider of life and love, and blessings littered in over-abundance? What had he done for his God as the fruit of his faith, as a visible token of self-denial, of a new life, of his love toward others? Did he really want God or only His goods? Only a carefree livelihood for a few years here below and naught of his exacting, purifying, renewing spirit, naught of holy aspirations for a life beyond. Issues that had to be met that night, face to face with God. A happy Peniel and a glorious sunrise to you, if such a situation should happen to encounter you some lonely night.

The Luther League program was again fully enjoyed by a fair audience and every number gave evidence of a fine spirit, helpful and uplifting. It's our key-note of the month. Give it a trial visit and feel its appeal. Let me give the outline of the next assignments: Select readings, Arnold Reitzer, Mrs. Roy Dailey, Harold Bohlen; vocal selections, Anton Grell, the Misses Mabel Lindeburg, Elsie Boehle, and the instrumental number, Mrs. Herman Gerdies; in addition we have five standing numbers. Here are the names of the newly, and re-elected, officers: Arnold Lindeburg, vice-president; Arnold Reitzer, secretary; Otto Lindeburg, treasurer. The sick-committee: Miss Lillian Hartman, Miss Hertha Weeber; the auditing committee, Roy Bohlen, Lewis Boehle; the committee for the New Year social: Edwin Grell, Arnold Reitzer, Mrs. Herbert Brucks, Miss Hertha Weeber. Sincere thanks were voted to the officers.

Mr. Hugo Weeber, a son of the pastor, with wife and child, are holiday visitors at the parsonage at present, coming from Dubuque, Iowa, to thaw out in the sunny South.

Announcements for December 17: German service at 10:30; Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 A. M. Come and join us in the service to God. No evening service. — C. W.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MEDINA.
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF MEDINA COUNTY—
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mrs. Minerva Y. Miller, or the unknown heirs of the said Mrs. Minerva Y. Miller, or all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the State of Texas, County of Medina and D'Hanis Independent School District, for taxes to-wit: Lot No. Six, in Block No. Five, in the Town of D'Hanis, in Medina County, Texas, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts, \$3.54 for State taxes, \$5.02 for County taxes, and \$1.13 for D'Hanis Independent School District taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State for the collection of said taxes, and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the January term of the District Court of Medina County, State of Texas, in cause No. 3666 and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said lot and ordering said sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and costs of suit. Further, you are commanded to summon the above mentioned persons by making publication of this citation once in each week for three consecutive weeks previous to the return hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if there be no newspaper published in your county you shall have this published in a paper in an adjoining county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Medina County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Hondo, on the 3rd Monday in January, 1940, the same being the 15th day of January, A. D., 1940.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the Town of Hondo, this the 14th day of December, A. D. 1939.

EMIL BRITSCH,
Clerk of District Court of Medina County, Texas.
By GENEVIEVE BRUCKS,
Deputy.

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